Never see a need without doing something about it.”

Children’s Mission Statement:
Just like Mary Mackillop we use Jesus as our touchstone to try our very best to learn and to care. That is why we show respect to all. We: Speak and act kindly, gently and politely; Keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves; and Follow directions straight away.

Adult’s Mission Statement:
Just like Mary Mackillop we use Jesus as our touchstone to provide a learning and caring community. We will strive to ensure that all children develop their gifts spiritually, socially, academically, physically and emotionally to nurture lifelong learning.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Parent Engagement Presentation – Last week I attended a lecture by Canadian and early years expert Dr Debbie Pushor. Dr Pushor’s studies have focused specifically on parent engagement and the developing of positive relationships between school and home to improve student results. Crystal Muir, one of our Prep Mums, represented our parent group at this workshop and is looking forward to attending our next P and F meeting and sharing her insights. I look forward to discussing this very important element of education further both at our next meeting and future meetings to come.

Parish Donation – Last week in the ‘School News’ section of our newsletter there was mention of a ‘special presentation’ by our parish council president Mr John Cowley. Last Friday on assembly, Mr Cowley presented our school with a canvas print of Clare Cowley’s painting. The original, which was exhibited and subsequently sold at our recent ‘Art in the Convent’ art show during our centenary celebrations, was donated back to the Parish and now takes pride of place in the parish meeting room. The subject matter of the painting commemorates our school’s centenary by illustrating the arrival of the St Joseph Sisters who founded our school. We warmly thank our parish for their generosity in providing the print which will take pride of place in the entrance foyer of our school.

School Accreditation - Next Tuesday Mrs Margaret Hendricks, the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office Assistant Executive Director, and our senior education officer, Mr Paul Murphy, will be visiting our school. The purpose of the visit will be to assist in the preparation for accreditation which is scheduled for August. This process is an important 5 year cyclical review required of the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (NSSAB).

Pentecost – Last Sunday saw the celebration of a very special day in the liturgical calendar. Pentecost, celebrated 50 days after Easter, commemorates the day that the Spirit of God, promised by Jesus, came to his disciples. At that moment, they experienced a great change. From a doubtful community the disciples became a courageous community living and witnessing the message of Jesus. It is for this reason that Pentecost Sunday is sometimes referred to as the Church’s birthday.

Allergy Awareness Week – This week is ‘Allergy Awareness Week’. This week’s aim is to raise awareness of food allergy including potentially fatal food allergies. According to the site http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au/, one in ten babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy. Today I invited all of our students, with the permission of their parents of course, to paint one fingernail any colour they like for tomorrow to reflect the national statistic. This activity is a fun way for us all to raise awareness – there is no associated cost.

God Bless,

Tyronne Maher
Principal

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13
School News

High School Visit
Robyn Westerman will be visiting our Year 6 students on the 31st of May to invite them to attend an orientation afternoon on the 22nd of June at Allora State School. If you have not made a decision about high schools yet I would strongly urge you to do so and to start having these conversations with your child. There is often anxiety for students about starting a new school. Simply knowing where they are going, reduces some of their concerns.

Book Club
There is a new easier way to buy books from Book Club. Instead of raiding the moneybox parents are encouraged to join Book Club Loop at https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Register.aspx. Once you have registered your child and school, it’s simply a matter of adding books each month when you wish to make a purchase. As is usually the case, orders have to be placed by the due date which is always the Monday after the catalogues are distributed. Parents are encouraged to begin this process now as the school will be moving to online transactions at the beginning of term 3. Please see Mr Maher if the online payment option is inaccessible to you for any reason.

National Simultaneous Story Time
National Simultaneous Story Time is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Using an Australian children’s book, this activity aims to promote the value of reading and literacy. https://www.alia.org.au/nss

Gala Day Tomorrow
Thank you again to our parent helpers this week that have given their time to help our students prepare for tomorrow. Students in years 3 to 6 will be escorted to and from Allora State School under the supervision of our teachers. They will need to have applied sunscreen, have a hat and water bottle and something to eat and/or money to purchase something from the canteen. Please discuss with your child what would be a sensible amount of money to take and sensible food to purchase for lunch.

Soccer players will need shin guards but football boots are not permitted. Spare shin guards are available at school. Rugby league players are able to wear football boots and are encouraged to wear a mouth guard and head gear if these are readily available. The students are thoroughly looking forward to a day of fun and competition.

Taking Enrolments for 2017
We are now taking enrolment applications for next year. To assist in planning and resourcing we are asking parents to make contact with the office if they have not done so already. If you know of someone that is considering St Patrick’s for their child/children, please ask them to contact the school office.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
AWARDS Term 2 Week 5
Talgai — Logan Schelback for his responsible attitude in the classroom.
Cunningham— Ruby Wright for an awesome effort in learning her spelling and sight words.
Dalrymple – Harry Wright for excellent application to school work.
Glengallan — Porscha Mathie for always trying her best.
Mary MacKillop Award - Trustworthy
Cunningham—Alana Burton
Dalrymple – Elia Hagenbach
Glengallan—Jed Esson

Our Prep students kept us all well entertained last week during assembly with their stories and puppet shows.

Students from all classes have thoroughly enjoyed their lessons in the Life Education Van this week.
Parish News

LITURGY TIMES

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH – MASS 9AM
2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH – MASS 5pm (for winter)
4TH, 5TH SUNDAY OF MONTH – LITURGY OF THE WORD – 9 AM

Dalrymple Class Year 3 & 4 will be hosting the next Family Mass on Sunday 5 June 2016 at 9am.

Calling for Nominations:
Positions on the Parish Pastoral Council Committee are now open.
The parish is looking for people that believe they can make a contribution to our parish.
Community members are encouraged to nominate themselves or the name of someone they believe worthy of nomination.
Please contact John Cowley or Father Rod.

P&F Update

Next Meeting Wednesday
8th June at 7pm in the Library.

Trivia night preparations are in full swing. A massive thank you to all our sponsors who have all been so generous. Just a reminder to all Year 6 Helpers to please return their permission slips. We require some more helpers for the set up on Thursday afternoon the 26th from 2pm onwards at the hall. We are also looking for two more scorers on the night. Please contact me if you are interested.

Thanks Alana
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ASSISTANCE REQUIRED:
Our P & F are reaching out to our school parents, guardians, grandparents and friends to ask if anyone can assist with a project. We have an oversupply of school tea towels that were printed in 2013 that we wish to sew together to make tablecloths or runners for use at catering functions and our annual Parish Fete. If anyone has a sewing skills and a machine, or knows someone who may be able to help us out with sewing the tea towels together, we would welcome their assistance. If you could contact the Elizabeth at the Office, it would be greatly appreciated.

Special purchase price $6.00 each or 2 for $10.00
DATE CLAIMERS- 2016

May 20  1st Gala Day
May 24  School Mass 9am
May 27  2nd Gala Day and Under 8’s Day
     **TRIVIA NIGHT 6.15pm**
June 5  Dalrymple Family Mass 9am
June 8  P&F Meeting 7pm in library
June 14 1st Day - Athletics Carnival
June 17 2nd Day - Athletics Carnival
June 21  School Mass 9.30am
June 24  End of Term 2

July 11  Start of Term 3
July 24  Catholic Education Week
July 26  Catholic Education Week - Mass
Aug 19  Bishop’s In-service Day
       (School Closed)
Sept 16  End of Term 3

Oct 4   Start of Term 4
Oct 17  Pupil Free Day
Dec 2   End of Term 4

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What’s Happening at St Patrick’s Allora?

Seeking Class Photographs
Thank you to those who have supplied photos or given us leads as to whom may have copies, we are still looking for the following:

1969………………. Classes 4 & 5
1971………………. Classes 5, 6 & 7
1976………………. Classes 4 & 5
2000………………. Classes 6 & 7
2002………………. 4 to 7

If you have any of these at home could we please borrow them for scanning to complete the school’s historical records?